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**Identify and Unite the Allred Family Through Gathering,
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New Directions for the AFO

by Larry C. Allred
AFO President

The Allred Family Organization (AFO) is going through some big changes right now that will make the AFO an organization with a more national focus.

During the November Board of Directors meeting, we elected some new officers and put in place some new operating procedures that we hope will make the AFO a more appealing organization for Allreds living all over the USA. Our goal is to become more interesting and more available to a wider audience that will attract new members and more family genealogy information.

One of the problems the AFO has had is travel. With family members living all over the USA and in many different countries, traveling to meet and get to know our cousins is very expensive and time consuming. Hosting reunions and board meetings means travel problems too.

Surf the Net

New technology, especially the Internet, is one tool we plan to use a great deal more in the future. Our AFO Board of Directors will now be meeting via private e-mail chat list, giving Allreds who live all over the world a chance to participate.

Allred-L@rootsweb.com is an open genealogy chat list where you can find several of our AFO members who are interested in sharing and swapping family history information. To join,

send an e-mail message to Allred-L-request@rootsweb.com and put the word "subscribe" in the subject line of your message. It's that simple.

Now, I know, several of you don't have access to the Internet. That's ok. You can still reach us by phone or U.S. Mail. Our new board members and their addresses and phone numbers are listed on page 19. The newsletter will still be published quarterly. As we grow and recruit new members, you'll notice that the variety of information in the newsletter will expand and grow also.

Send Your Stories

We're always looking for new ideas and information to put in the newsletter and welcome your input. If you have a story idea, or better yet, you would like to write a story or article for the newsletter, please contact Alice - our newsletter editor.

Finally, in the past, our annual AFO reunion was always held in Spring City, UT. Beginning in 2003, the AFO host our annual Allred Reunion in a different state each year. This will allow us to see different areas of the country where Allreds have lived. This will also make travel a little less complicated for some of you - eventually the reunion should be held closer to your home. By seeing new Allred sites and meeting new Allred cousins, we hope to learn more about

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Visiting Reuben "Rube" Allred and his wife, Bernice, Tallapoosa, GA., are left, front: Linda Allred Cooper, Bernice Allred, "Rube" Allred. Back are Dot Allred Allen, Melvin Alred, Larry Allred, Sue Estep and Joyce Allred.

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our great heritage - and have a lot of fun doing it! Of course, the other Allred family reunions will continue, but each year, one will be designed as the "annual AFO reunion."

If you would like a more detailed explanation of the changes the AFO is going through or if you would like to become more involved with the AFO, please contact us. We're all one big family and this is a family organization - open to all Allreds, Allred descendants and everyone interested in Allred family history. Gathering and sharing family history is always our main goal.

As an example of this family history gathering, just after Thanksgiving I flew from my



Catching on up Allred news in a restaurant in Canton, GA, during the Week of Allred are Jim Allred, Melvin Alred, Edith Alred and Joyce Allred.

home in the West to the East Coast to join in the fun activities of the 2000 Week of Allred (November 25 - December 2). This year we spent time in northern Georgia and even crossed into Alabama one afternoon, visiting Allreds sites and meeting new Allred cousins. You can read more about our trip and see some of the photos on pages 10-11.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Wanted: Recipes!

If you have some favorite recipes that the family loves and friends crave, send them our way! The AFO is trying to collect enough recipes to create an Allred Family Cookbook which will be sold as a fund raiser.

Main dishes, vegetables, fruits, desserts, punch, favorite marinade, favorite barbecue sauce. We'll take them all! Men, women, boys and girls, you know who you are.

Pull out those favorite recipes and send them our way. The address is:

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Research Tips

1. The National Association of Counties (NACo), headquartered in Washington, D. C., is a research source. Their website: www.naco.org allows you to search a state and then each county. Each county is responsible for posting their own information. The majority of the 3,067 U.S. counties have submitted information.

You can find county maps, population, libraries, cemeteries, churches, etc. If you know a certain family member lived in a county, you may be able to find a lead. You can also view "life today" in that county.

2. If you know that a female sibling of your ancestor married, but are clueless about her married surname or maybe your female ancestor remarried and you would like to find what surname she had when died, you may be able to find it. If you have her exact birth date, try searching the Social Security Death Index with just a first name and the birth date entered. Leave the surname field blank. You can search the SSDI at: www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm.

2001 Allred Reunions

Several Allred Reunions are planned for 2001. This is the information received to date.

Allred Family Reunion
Saturday, June 30
Spring City, UT
Contact: Bob Olson
801/775-0540
rolson@efortress.com

Allred Family Reunion
Saturday, September 8, and
Sunday, September 9
Randolph County, NC
Contact: Linda Allred Cooper
919/542-3077
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Allred-Rowland Family Reunion
Fall 2001 - date to be determined
Contact: Mirion Cloud
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If you family plans to hold an Allred Family Reunion during 2001 and would like the information listed in the next newsletter, please forward to AFO Newsletter Editor, Alice Allred Pottmyer, 5540 N. 32nd St., Arlington, VA 22207-1535 or pottmyera@aol.com

Planning to Move?

If you plan to move, please notify the AFO. That way you will not miss an issue of the newsletter. We have had several newsletters returned and we do not have a forwarding address. As soon as you know your new address, please send it to AFO Newsletter, P. O. Box 1044, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Elias Allred, Sr.: Son of Thomas, Revolutionary War Soldier and Georgia Settler

by Daniel Forbes-Forsythe
Georgetown, Texas

Elias Allred, Sr. and several members of his family were among the early pioneers of Hall County, Georgia. He was born on May 6, 1758, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Allred of Orange (now Randolph) County, North Carolina. Elias died in Hall County circa 1844. He probably grew to manhood on his father's North Carolina farm and in 1778 married Mary (Polly) Rigby, the daughter of John Rigby, an English emigrant. She was born circa 1757 in Virginia and died circa 1835 in Hall County. They are both buried in Bethany Baptist Cemetery.

According to professional genealogist Archibald Bennett, who did extensive research in the 1940's, the Allreds were of English descent. There is a tradition among some of the Georgia Allreds that they were Huguenots and the name was originally de Alred. It is very possible that they were originally of French or Norman descent and may have landed in England as part of William the Conqueror's military force in 1066. Williams' wife Matilda was crowned by Allred, who was head of the English Church during William's reign. A Huguenot connection has never been proven, although it is mentioned in Luke Tate's History of Pickens County, Georgia, published in 1935.

Served in the American Revolution

During the American Revolution, Elias served two terms in the Continental Army in Capt. John Hind's Cavalry Company and Col. Littrell's Regiment. He was first drafted on December 1, 1780, and discharged in March 1781. He served his second term (April 1, 1781-July 1, 1781) in place of John Sitton who was married to Sarah (Sally) Rigby, Polly's sister.

According to his application for a federal pension in 1833 Elias' unit was marched to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina where they

joined Gen. Nathaniel Greene's army. His unit was then ordered to march along the Peedee River to Salisbury, North Carolina, to meet and assist Col. Daniel Morgan who had just defeated Col. Bonastre Tarleton at the Battle of Cowpens and was being pursued by Lord Cornwallis. Elias' unit slowed Cornwallis' approach firing several rounds while Col. Morgan's men escaped across the river. The rest of Elias' service was spent marching back and forth across North Carolina "keeping down Tories" and being on call as a "minute man."

Returned to Farming

After the war he returned home and continued to farm his land and was involved in several legal actions in which he lost part of his real and personal property in order to pay judgements assessed against him for trespassing. On several occasions the court in Randolph County ordered the sheriff to seize and sell property belonging to Elias.

In 1782 along with John Aldridge and George Julian, Elias was charged with "having joined the British and was bound to the court." Upon appearance in court they were all discharged by proclamation.

Moved to South Carolina

Since things were not going so well for Elias, apparently he thought it was time to leave Randolph County and in 1815, he and Mary and the children who remained at home, along with son, William, moved to Pendleton District, South Carolina, where sons Elias, Jr. and Levi had migrated to as early as 1807. On January 10, 1815, Elias witnessed William's purchase of a farm from John Turner. The property was located on Busby's Mill Creek, a branch of the Saluda River and is near the present site of Easley, South Carolina, in Southern Pickens County.

Moved to Georgia

The Indians in Georgia ceded some of their lands to the United States in 1818 opening up

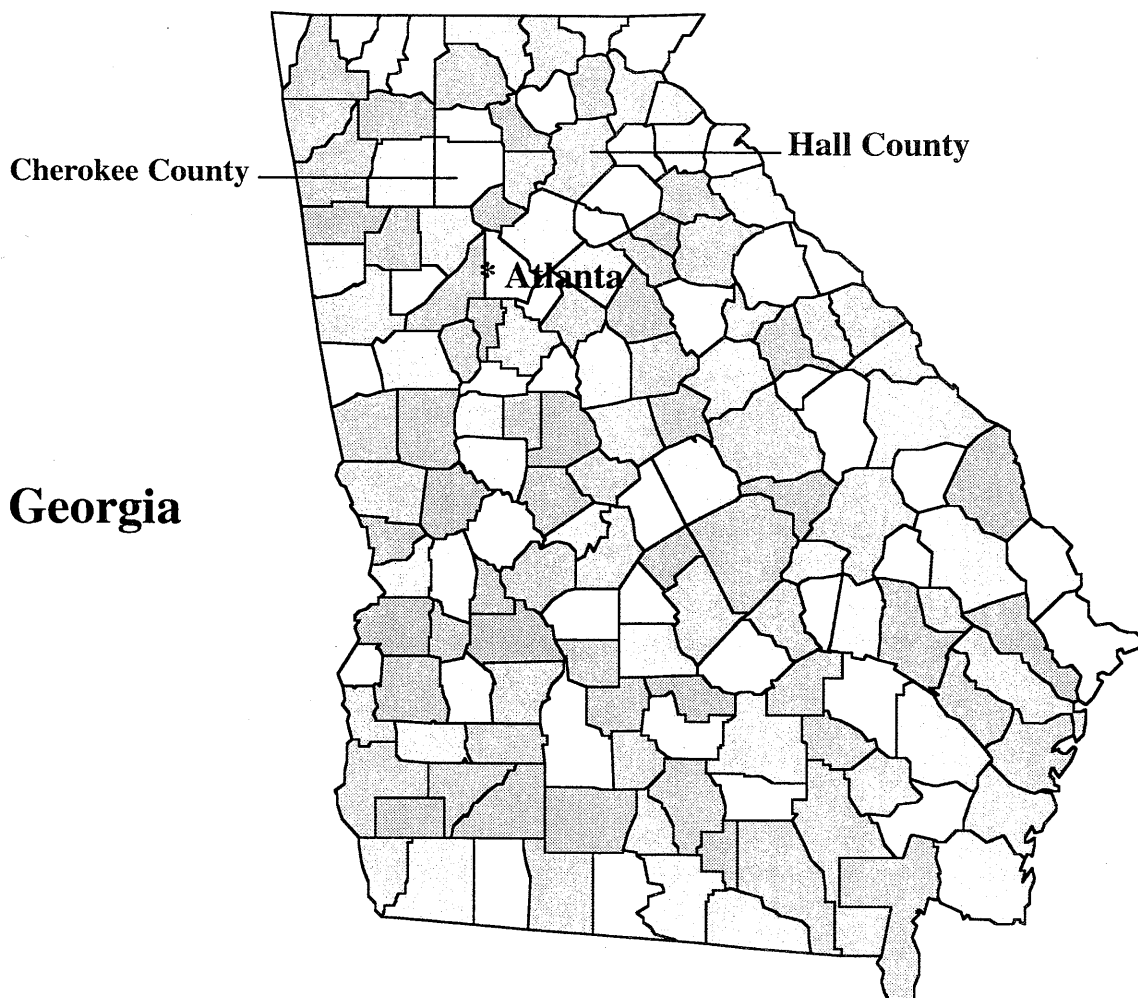
new opportunities to the west. Elias, Jr. and William set out as early as 1819 for Hall County. Elias, Sr. and Mary followed in 1827. In the early 1830's the Cherokees were forced to sell their remaining tribal lands in Northwest Georgia. The land was surveyed and distributed to Georgia residents in 1832 in the Cherokee Gold and Land Lottery.

Elias, Sr., as a Revolutionary War veteran was allowed two draws in the Lottery and was fortunate in drawing both gold and land lots as a resident in Griffin's District. He was awarded land lot 298, 4th District, 2nd Section located in present Cherokee County and gold lot 1151, 21st

District, 2nd Section located in present Bartow County. He apparently claimed both lots, but never moved from Hall County. Elias, Jr. and his family claimed the land lot and moved to Cherokee County circa 1838 about the time the Cherokees were removed to Oklahoma.

Federal Pension

Elias, Sr. applied for a federal pension on July 10, 1833, and was awarded \$22.50 per annum to be paid semi-annually during his natural life. The same year on December 28 he bought 200 acres (lot 50, land district 9) in Hall (now Banks) County from David Hyde. He added 196 acres to his farm on October 22, 1838, when he bought



lot 66 in land district 9 from William Saye. This property which is in present Hall County near the town of Lula was sold to William Sitton on February 24, 1841. Elias and Mary lived in Hall County until their deaths. Elias' attorney J.K. Tefft picked up his final pension payment in Savannah in September 1844. As part of his estate, the gold lot in Bartow County was sold on May 30, 1849. In recent years the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) placed a stone at Elias' gravesite to honor his service in the Revolution.

Elias and Mary had the following children all born in Randolph Co., NC:

1. Thomas b. 1779; d. 11 Jan 1861 Chatham Co., NC; m. 9 Sep 1803 Randolph Co. Sarah York daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Allred York.
2. Son, b. abt. 1781.
3. Levi b. abt. 1784; d. after 1860.
4. William b. abt. 1787; d. aft. 1840; m. Mary Nicholson, daughter of John Nicholson. (
5. Elias, Jr. b. 9 Jun 1789; d. 12 Jun 1870 Pickens Co., GA; m. 15 Feb 1807 Pendleton Dist., SC. m. Mary A. Harrison.
6. Son, b. abt. 1791.
7. Daughter, b. abt. 1793.
8. Margaret b. abt. 1794; d. aft. 2 Jun 1880.
9. Mary b. abt. 1796; d. aft. 1880. (10) Son, b. abt. 1798.

Very little is known about Polly Rigby. According to daughter Margaret in a deposition in Pickens County in 1875, she was one of two children born to John Rigby, whose father was William Rigby. There are rumors that John never received his share of his father's English estate and Margaret was deposed hoping to claim a part of it in her latter years.

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John Wesley Allred, 1846-1925, descended from John, Aaron, John Calvert, John, Thomas.



Sarah Florinda Agnes Amanda York, 1848-1928, wife of John Wesley Allred.



Emma Pauline Allred, born 1890, daughter of John Wesley and Sarah Allred.

John Wesley Allred was the second oldest child of Aaron Allred and his wife, Elizabeth Pritchard. John and Sarah were married July 28, 1867, by Joseph Causey, an Elder, at Giles Chapel United Methodist Church located near Central Falls, Randolph County, NC. They raised their family of three boys and four girls in the Back Creek Township of Randolph County. Most of the family including John, Sarah and their youngest daughter, Emma Pauline, are buried at Giles Chapel UMC Cemetery.

Allred Home in Mt. Etna, Indiana

Compiled from notes sent by John M. Allred, Huntington, IN, who is an Allred two different ways:

John, Merritt, Laban, Abner, William, Patience, Catherine, John
John, Merritt, Laban, Abner, William, William, William, William

The Allred homestead two miles from Mt. Etna on old Indiana Highway 9 may be one of the most historic homes in the county. Owned by three generations of the Allreds from 1886-1893, this old farm holds many family memories.

The house was described as "all doors." John's brother, Jim said, "It had two exits and two entrances. I remember coming in the north door and going out the south door." John's great grandfather, Abner Allred, 1835-1911, was the first Allred to come to Lancaster, IN. He arrived in 1863. When he built the house 23 years later, the limestone used for the foundation came from a local quarry. Wood timbers in the attic were not cut in a saw mill, but were hand hewed. Two summer kitchens provided cook cooking and canning conditions for the ladies of the house.

The expansive porches winding all around the house were not considered a luxury, they were the family's form of air-conditioning. Many a



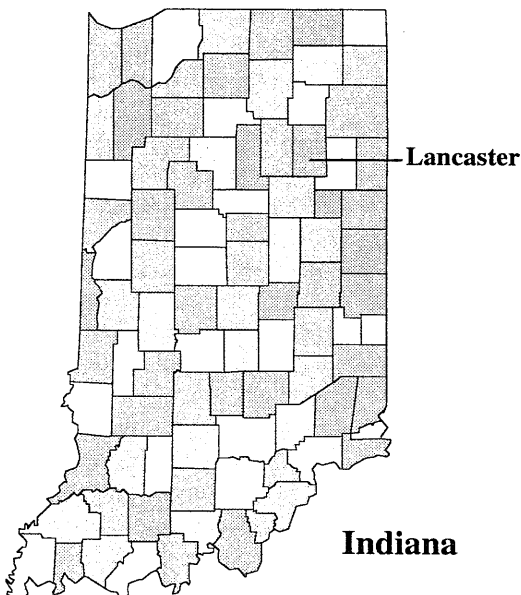
Merritt Allred was born in 1904.

hot August evening was spent sitting in rocking chairs on those porches, sipping cool well water. The house, when finished, cost the family \$990. The receipt for the final bill has been proudly handed down through the generations.

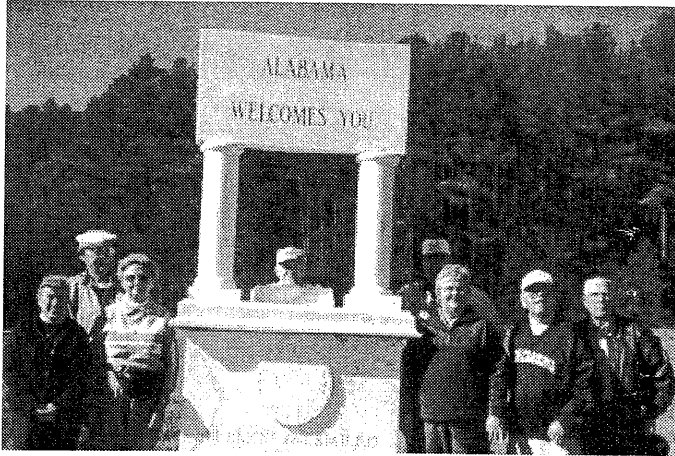
A windmill was used to pump water and was a grand spectacle, seen for miles around. The home also had a fruit cellar, but with the advent of modern technology in 1965, it was filled in. The farm contained 300 acres. For years the land provided grain, forage and sustenance for beef cattle brought in Chicago and Kansas. Abner's son, Laban Allred, used to purchase carloads of cattle for the farm, one of the largest in the area.

I hope you enjoyed this little look into the days before electricity and running water.

Editor's note: See the article in AFO No. 44 Pages 6-8.



2000 Week of Allred



Standing at the Alabama/Georgia state line are from the left: Sue Estep, Lawrence Allen, Dot Allred Allen, Larry Allred, Jim Allred, Joyce Allred, Adrian Allred and Melvin Alred.

By Linda Allred Cooper
Pittsboro, NC

The Third Annual Week of Allred began with rain, but it was still a huge success. Mother Nature sent lots of rain the first two days. As soon as the sun came out Monday, November 27, the East Coast Allreds were on the road to Moore and Richmond Counties, NC, where we visited two abandoned cemeteries and a wonderful old one room school house that has been restored by Richmond County historian, Woodford Sherrill.

To reach Richmond County's Buffalo Cemetery, abandoned more than 50 years ago, we had to hike a half mile into the woods following some pink "hunter's tape." The woods were so thick that even with all the leaves off the trees, we could barely

see more than 20 to 30 yards in front of us. That was a sight: 15 Allreds stomping through the woods!

The land and family cemetery once belonged to Isaac Armstrong. His daughter, Amelia, married John Allred (1785-1880), grandson of the "original" John. Amelia and John along with other family members are buried there.

Tuesday we traveled south to Hall County, VA, where we met David Allred and his sister, Jackie Allred Cooley. They guided us to Bethlem Baptist Church, Lula, GA, where we visited the grave of Elias Allred (1758-1840) who was the son of the "original" Thomas (see article on Pages x - x). That evening we hosted a family supper meeting in Canton, GA, where about 25 local Allreds came to join in the fun. The highlight

of the evening was a surprise visit from Deb Moore who showed us the original deed belong to Elias Allred dated 1832. Deb told us that she had found the deed while researching her Tate family in Pickens County, GA.

Wednesday we visited several Allred sites in Pickens and Cherokee Counties, VA. We did not tire or slow down even though it rained on us some. It takes more than rain to keep Allreds from having fun. "Coach" Adrian Allred, Pittsboro, NC, tried his best to get us to stay in the warm, dry van, but every time it stopped, we jumped out. Many thanks to Allred descendant John Land for being our guide for the day. Also David Allred, Sara Allred and her father, Rex Allred, joined us for the day.

Thursday, we drove further west to Rome, GA, where Melvin Alred met us. Yet, that's spelled correctly. He is an Alred with one "L" and proud of it! By the time Melvin finished showing us the Allred sites in Floyd, Polk and Harleson Counties, GA, and Cherokee County, AL, we had seen the name spelled Allred, Alred, Alread and Allread. All of these people have been documented as being part of the same family. The different spellings stimulated lots of conversation among our group. The highlight of our day was visited 85-year young Rueben "Rube" Allred and his wife, Bernice. They live in Tallapoosa, GA.

I want to take time to tell all of you that Melvin Alred proved to be quite a story teller and comedian. He kept us



David Allred (left), Gainesville, GA, and Jim Allred, Reston, VA, exchange family stories at Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Pickens County, GA.

laughing with stories about his grandparents, uncles and other relatives who had lived in the same areas we were visiting. Everyone will have a chance to hear some of Melvin's stories next September 8 and 9 at the Allred Reunion in Randolph County, NC. Melvin has very generously agreed to be our guest speaker. Make your plans now to join us!

Friday, December 1, Melvin took us on a historical tour of Rome, GA, which included a visit to the Chieftain's Museum, the Rome Historical Museum and a ride through the beautiful campus of Berry College. Of course, we had to eat at an Italian restaurant for lunch. We were in Rome after all!

Saturday our trip came to an end as we returned to North Carolina and in Larry's case, to Utah. Exhausted and smiling, no one had any trouble sleeping that night!

The Week of Allred has become an annual event and usually takes place just after Thanksgiving each year. We will begin plans for the 2001 activities sometime this Spring. We will let you know the information via the AFO



Recording Allred tombstones in the Peek-Wright Cemetery, Harleson County, GA, from left are Sue Estep, Jim Allred, Joyce Allred and AFO President Larry Allred.

Newsletter and the Allred Family Roster website, www.allredroster.com. If you have any questions about the Week of Allred, please contact me at P. O. Box 415, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or lacooper@mindspring.com.



Blanche Allred, Becky Allred Sexton and Sara Allred enjoy the half mile hike in the woods to visit Buffalo Cemetery in Richmond County, NC.



John Lane and Sara Allred, Canton, GA, gave the group a tour of Sharpe Mountain Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, GA.

Week of Allred photos by Linda Allred Cooper.

Byron Harvey Allred, Jr.: Pioneer, Statesman and Family Man

by Donna K. Mackert
New Harmony, UT

One of the more colorful and accomplished of the Allreds in America was Byron Harvey Allred, Jr. He was born March 31, 1870, in the small community of St. Charles, Bear Lake County, ID, and was called Harvey. In a lifetime of less than 67 years, he accomplished a monumental amount of worthwhile tasks before his death on January 18, 1937, in Emmett, ID.

He grew to manhood in the small hamlet of Garden City, UT, on the shores of beautiful blue Bear Lake, which straddles the Utah-Idaho border. At the age of 13, he helped his farmer-merchant father by taking the responsibility of freighting, by team and wagon, heavy farm equipment from the railroad terminal at Ogden, UT. The trip required two days' travel. An excellent marksman, young Harvey slept on his six-shooter in the

picturesque Logan Canyon, ready to shoot a bear or mountain lion should one attack.

In his teens he helped his father fulfill a mail contract, delivering mail to towns that dotted the lakeshore. In an area noted for winter temperatures of up to fifty degrees below zero, with blinding blizzards, the work was often more than challenging.

Harvey married his childhood sweetheart, Charlotte Pead, when he was 18 and she was still 17. From their early teens, they had been leading thespians in productions of an association known as the Garden City Troupe, which traveled a circuit of pioneer towns with its lauded dramatic productions. Lottie, as his wife was known, was a brunette beauty with a talent for playing the guitar and singing.

In their early marriage they lived in Afton, WY, where Harvey built a comfortable home. He made most of the furniture for it, and it was the second house in the area to have linoleum. At Afton, Harvey taught school and practiced law.

Wyoming Legislature

In 1892, at the age of 22, Harvey became a member of the Lower House of the Wyoming legislature, becoming one of two men who were apparently the youngest in the history of the United States to receive this honor. His colleagues affectionately dubbed him "The Kid of the House."

In 1897 he was called to leave his family to fill a mission preaching in Indian Territory.

Brought Basketball to Mexico

In 1903 Harvey moved to Mexico,

where he was a rancher and school-teacher. He is credited with introducing the game of basketball to the Mormon colonies in Mexico.

He returned to the United States in 1908 and resided in Idaho. He was a member of the first exploring party to enter the area that is now Craters of the Moon National Monument. (The author of this article is in the process of obtaining documentation to present to the Idaho Historical Society, which was unaware of the expedition made in 1912.)

Idaho Speaker of the House

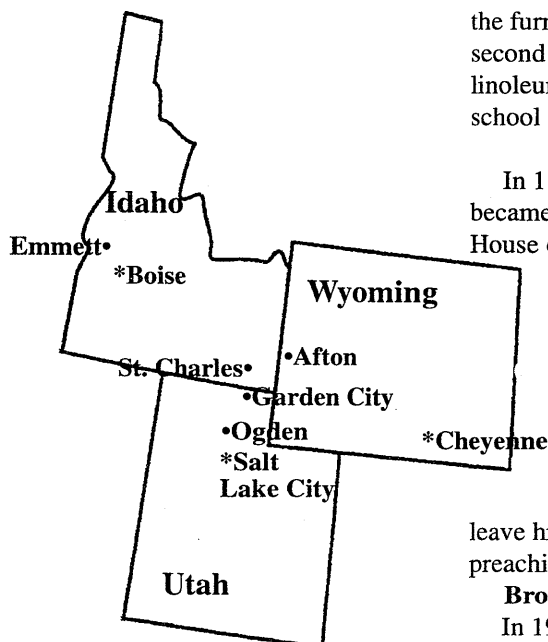
In 1916 Harvey was elected to the House of Representatives of the Idaho State Legislature. In 1917 he became Speaker of the House, a distinct honor to the integrity of a man who was a fluent, articulate speaker with a voice described by one of his contemporaries as "clear and resonant as a bell."

Also in 1917 Governor Moses Alexander appointed him to the position of Director of Farm Markets. In that capacity, Harvey did much to aid Idaho farmers during World War I. Among other actions, he contacted Washington, D.C., to arrange for the lifting of an unjust embargo that prevented Idaho hay from reaching markets in Kansas City, Omaha, and Chicago.

Pioneer in Canada

A pioneer by nature, he later colonized in Alberta, Canada. In addition to being an inventor, he staked a claim and mined gold in the mountains above Idaho City. He was a skilled and published writer who kept extensive journals.

Of most importance to Harvey was his family, whom he gifted with a legacy of love that continues through



the generations. He was father to eleven children borne by Charlotte. His second wife, Mary Evelyn Clark, a lovely blonde girl who was also a talented singer and actress, bore him ten children.

Accomplished Children

Although the accomplishments of his children could fill a sizeable volume, mention will be made of three of them from each of his wives, starting with Charlotte's children, M. Thatcher, Charlotte, and Rhea. Reports on the accomplishments of Evelyn's children, Rulon, Olive, and Marvin, will follow.

M. Thatcher Allred, a talented actor and published playwright, was chairman of the Speech and Drama Department at Weber State College in Ogden, Utah, for over 30 years. He was organizer and past president of the Ogden Community Theater. The M. Thatcher Allred Theater, which comprises part of the Browning Fine Arts Center complex at Weber State University, bears his name. He was inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame at the University of Utah's Pioneer Memorial Theater.

Charlotte Allred Godfrey, who inherited her mother's beauty and talent as well as her name, went to Hollywood and acted in the silent movies. She told of a scene in an early film that called for women to be dragged by their hair. There was no trick photography. Charlotte and other actresses were literally dragged by the hair of their heads. Charlotte's talent so impressed producers that she was more than once offered stardom. However, in an era when women were not legally protected from sexual harassment, her only choice was to

refuse to sign contracts that had unwritten verbal agreements as a stipulation.

Rhea Allred Kunz was a poet and historian with several volumes of work to her credit. Following her death, the Utah State Historical Society asked her family for access to her papers in order to keep a file on her as a noted Utah historian. She was also an elementary school teacher who was gifted in the teaching of reading. Following her death, the attending mortician told the family that she had taught him to read.

Dr. Rulon Clark Allred was an honored naturopathic physician who developed a large practice in Salt Lake City. A skilled genealogist, he published *The Allred Family in America*, which includes the extensive research of Louis Ephraim Allred and James Urban Allred and is supplemented by large portions of Rulon's own careful research. Rulon's funeral in 1977 was the largest in the history of Utah.

Olive Allred Neilson was the founder of the Opportunity Center in North Salt Lake, which was the first center for the multiple handicapped in the nation. In 1957 she received a citation from President Dwight Eisenhower for "meritorious and outstanding service for the handicapped."

Following her death, the *Salt Lake Tribune* honored her with an editorial which stated, "The impact of her work was to change substantially people's attitudes toward the mentally retarded and multiple handicapped child...."

Marvin L. Allred is an outstanding family man and organizer. In the



Byron Harvey Allred, Jr. about 1912

shadows of magnificent Mount Nebo in Central Utah, he and his large posterity have established the thriving community of Rocky Ridge. They have cooperatively build their homes without the aid of bank loans and have established a thriving cabinet business which provides work for the residents and means for higher education of their young people.

Members of Byron Harvey Allred, Jr.'s numerous posterity are found among the following: attorneys, doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, college professors, accountants, archaeologists, engineers, building contractors, executive officers, computer technicians, jewelry designers, interior decorators, equestrians, musicians, sculptors, artists, and radio personalities.

Harvey's talent for writing is inherent in his descendants, who have merited publication as historians, novelists, journalists, compilers, and poets—a number of them having won awards in their fields.

Harvey's love of basketball also seems hereditary. A grandson serves as business manager for the Utah Jazz team.

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Great-grandfather Lived Here: Tracing Old Property Records



Melvin Alred (left) presented an aerial photo of the land belonging to Jim Allred's great-grandfather during the Week of Allred

*by James V. Allred
James, Edward, Samuel, Masten, John, ?*

During the Week of Allred, a very thrilling and thoughtful things happened to me. My cousin, Melvin (his great-great-grandfather, John James, b. 1827, and my great-grandfather, Masten, b. 1825, were brothers) was leading a tour of historic sites in Georgia. We stopped at a site on a knoll nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of northwest Georgia, a few miles from the Alabama State line.

Beautiful Site

Nobody asked why we stopped there. I think they all knew. We jumped out of the van and began to explore this beautiful site, overlooking rolling pastures, with a vista of the mountains in the distance. We all gathered under a huge oak

tree that was anchoring the site.. It was then Melvin announced that he had a presentation to make. Everybody wondered what was coming. He announced to the group that we were standing on property that had belonged to Masten Allred, my great-grandfather, in the later half of the 1800s.

My mouth dropped open and I was overcome with emotion. Because of the time frame, I'm also certain my grandfather, Samuel Jackson Allred, was born and raised there. Melvin presented me with a copy of the county property recording and an aerial photograph of the area. There is no structure remaining, but we found traces of a foundation.

Tracing Property Ownership

Finding and tracing the ownership of this property was no small task, but Melvin is persistent and a real estate professional with a lifetime of experience tracing property records,

In the Polk County, Georgia, courthouse he found the original county property ledger book gathering dust on the top shelf, in a back room, of the Recorder's Office. He then traced the recording through the property books. He found a good description of the property location which was helpful and quite unusual for this time period (usually property boundaries were defined by "an old oak tree" or a "stream.")

He was able to locate the property in the Map Room and then the county gave him an aerial photograph. Following his research, he proceeded to the site and received permission from the current owners for our visit. What a cousin! Thanks, Melvin

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Uncle Dallas Allred

*Excerpts of a story written by:
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The phone rang one afternoon. "Melvin, this is your Aunt Anna. Can you go see about Dallas? He's been acting strange for the past few days. Rufus and Mr. Ford saw him lying on the ground near the garden for over an hour yesterday, and last night he seemed to be in a lot of pain - tossing and turning until morning. He refuses to tell me what's wrong. You're the only one he will listen to."

This was true. I knew how to deal with Uncle Dallas. Three years ago, X-Rays showed that Dallas, who was 80 years old at the time, had broken three ribs in a car wreck he had been involved in. The doctors recommended that he either lie down or stand up while the ribs healed - sitting would be too painful and would put too much stress on the fractures.

Go Home and Rest

"Go home and rest while you heal," the doctors said. But Dallas decided that the okra needed to be picked and it wasn't long before he was out in the garden. No one could get him to stop and Aunt Anna called me to come over. I walked out to the garden and offered to tend to it myself if Dallas would stop. He refused. "It's my garden, and I can gather the okra myself," he replied. Smiling, I told him "If you don't let me do the work for you, I'll attach the bush hog to your tractor and mow the whole garden - okra and all!" Dallas stopped and turned to me grinning and said "Since you feel that way, you take care of the garden", and he turned and walked into the house.

Aunt Anna told me Dallas was at Garner's used car lot installing a

water line for his son-in-law. I drove over there, wondering how I was going to get him to slow down this time. When I pulled into the driveway concern became more paramount because I could see the pain - not only in Uncle Dallas' face, but in his whole body. He was attempting to dig a trench with a pick and shovel but could hardly lift the pick above waist high.

I'm Hurting Real Bad

"Melvin, I'm hurting real bad," he confessed. "I've never had pain like this." "Get in the truck." I responded and he climbed in without any resistance. As we pulled onto the highway heading towards the hospital, he began to talk. "You know, I never want to be disabled where someone has to take care of me. I've always been able to work and that's what I want to do until the day I die."

When we arrived at the hospital, Uncle Dallas walked into the Emergency Room unassisted. The clerk at the registration desk took one look at us and immediately ushered us into an examining room. A doctor came in and, after a few questions and a short examination, sent Dallas to the Coronary Care Unit. I knew this was serious! Later I would learn that the doctors were completely amazed that Dallas had walked into the hospital under his own power that day.

For over 72 hours Uncle Dallas refused to eat or sleep. Kenneth, his grandson-in-law and favorite gardening buddy, came by to try to convince him to eat and/or relax. Nothing, not even medication could induce sleep. Once he unhooked all the monitors and attempted to leave the hospital.

Finally Uncle Dallas became delirious and disoriented, asking where he was and why he was there.

That's when Kenneth and I decided to convince him that he was at church. "You're at Oak Level and you want to preach." We told him. I added that church was having an all-day singing with dinner on the ground and they wanted him to eat before preaching. Uncle Dallas said he wasn't very hungry, but would try to eat a few bites. We began to feed him and he ate almost everything on the tray. After finishing the meal, he began to deliver a sermon.

The sermon went on for about fifteen minutes beginning with "When I was just a child sitting on the floor by my mother's knee listening to her read the Bible, I knew I must become a Minister of the Gospel." He closed his sermon by thanking the congregation for letting him explain why he chose to dedicate his life to the ministry. After finishing his sermon, Uncle Dallas, finally relaxed, fell into a deep sleep.

Nurses Came Running

Kenneth decided to go home, but I remained, settling into a chair to get comfortable. Suddenly Uncle Dallas jerked, half sitting up, they lying down and he exhaled deeply. Before I could press the call button to summon a nurse, the monitors connected to Dallas sounded the alarm and nurses came running.

"You'll have to wait outside," the doctor instructed me. "We're going to be busy here and you could get in our way." Standing in the hall outside the room, I was trying to get my thoughts together when the door to Dallas room suddenly opened. The nurse came out and looked at me with tears in her eyes. "He's gone."

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Milton Went Shopping

Milton, William, Jonathan, John

Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper

McMaster's Store was located on Soap Stone Mountain near Franklinville, Randolph County, NC, in the 1800s. This was a popular general store. It was the only store in the area and it also became a gathering place for locals. This was the place to see your neighbors and catch up on the community news while shopping.

Close your eyes, can't you just see the men sitting around the wood stove swapping stories and whittling while the women finger the cloth and the children stick their hands in the candy jars.

On November 26, 1877, Milton Allred, 1835-1905, the great grandson of the "original: John went shopping. Below is a list of what he bought and the cost. This is an interesting glimpse into the past. Note the spelling of some words.

1/2 gallon molasses \$0.23

1 bole horse power	0.18
sundries	0.13 1/2
2 lbs leather	0.60
1 plow lre	0.40
1 pr horse shoes and nails	0.30
salt	0.15
goods	0.20
1 pt shoe frags	0.05
1 hat	1.65
goods	0.38
balance on meats	0.79
1 1/2 lbs meat	0.14

Milton paid \$1.53 of this bill with cash and the rest "by barter" as listed in the store ledger.

The store journal has been handed down in the McMaster's family and is now owned by Dan and Dedra Routh, Randolph County, NC. Dedra Routh is an Allred descendant from the "original" John.



Photo taken at James Franklin Carter farm near Roby, Texas County, MO, around 1908. From left are Minnie Jane Jarvis Carter (James' wife), James Franklin Carter born in 1860 and his Allred descendants are: (James Franklin, William Shires, Jane, John, William), Wesley Franklin Carter, born 1904, James and Minnie's son and Thomas Benton Carter, born 1855, James' brother. Photo submitted by Elizabeth "Bettie" Bennett (Elizabeth, Richard, William Lindsey, William Shires, Jane, John, William).

More Allred Family Photos

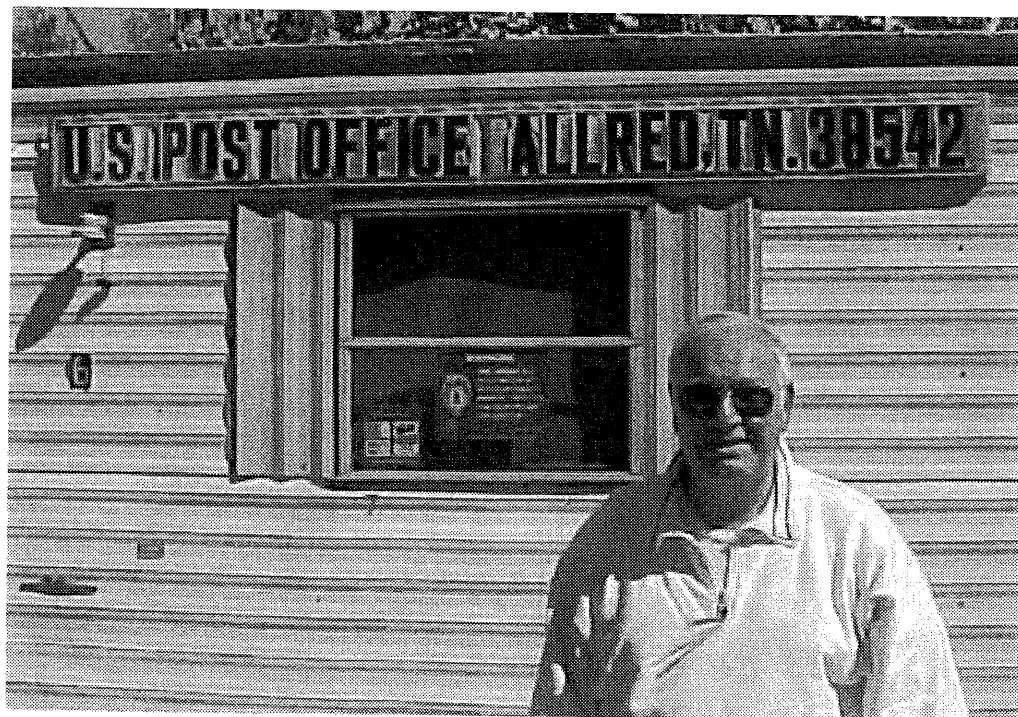


James Newton Allred, 1850-1923, his wife, Mahala Carter Allred, 1850-1901, and their daughter, Peggy, born about 1869. The photo was taken about 1871. They lived in the Cedar Falls area of Randolph County, NC. The original photo was owned by Eddie Clay Allred. It was identified at the September 2000 Randolph County Reunion by a descendant who happened to recognize her Uncle James. A good example of why we need to post the unidentified photos as all the reunions.



James T. Allred (James T. Clarkson L. Elish, John, William). Submitted by Sue Estep

Pictured is Richard Allread (yes that is spelled correctly). He lives in Pinehurst, NC, but the picture was taken in Allred, TN, in Overton County in the Northeast part of Tennessee. He is from one of the mystery lines. He thinks he descends from the "original" Thomas, but he can't prove it yet. His line is: Richard, Guy, George, Oliver, Stephen, Isaac, ?



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